and Chennai Railway Stations as a world class 'Mega Terminals' is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when final decisions is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Railways have planned to develop New Delhi, Howrah (Kolkata), Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Mumbai) and Chennai railway station (Chennai) into world class stations through proposed Rail Land Development Authority, as announced in Railway budget 2005-06.

Food served in three tier A.C.

†1396 DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the food served to passengers in reserved compartments of three tier A.C. trains is of very poor quality for which the caterers not only charge arbitrary prices but also do not give any bills;

(b) if so, whether Government have ever endeavoured to check its quality;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No separate data is maintained for catering services in 3-AC coaches. However, regular inspection/surprise checks are conducted by Indian Railways and Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) officials to have a quality control and to render faultless services.

(c) 2569 surprise checks have been conducted in the year 2004-05. Action has been taken in 1082 cases and in remaining cases position was found satisfactory.

(d) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.